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## Music & Canadian Classics

### Meet the Music Maestro Rob Tomaro

By Kathy Hahn



Dr. Robert Tomaro is an award-winning composer, musician, recording artist and symphonic conductor. He is in his tenth year as Music Director and Conductor for the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra and is executive producer on numerous CD's with the BJSO. Prior to the BJSO, he founded the Elysian Symphony Orchestra in New Jersey, where he served as Music Director.

Dr. Tomaro holds the Shogren Family Conducting Chair as Professor of Music at Beloit College in Wisconsin and is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Pi Kappa Lambda, the national honor societies in education and music education, and a winner of the New Jersey Council on the Arts Fellowship Award for Symphonic Composition. In 1991, he was appointed as an Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of the Paris' Association Nationale de Musique de Chambre.

A graduate of Northwestern University and New York University, Dr. Tomaro received a Masters Degree and a Ph. D. in composition while serving as Music Director of the New York University Symphony Orchestra, and has served on the faculties of New York's St. John's University and Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Dr. Tomaro has toured extensively throughout Scandinavia, England, France, and Eastern Europe. Concerts and recordings include The London Symphony Orchestra, The Slovak Radio Orchestra, The Silesian Philharmonic Orchestra of Poland, The Black Sea Philharmonic of Rumania, The Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra of the Czech Republic and many American orchestras.

In 1996, Dr. Tomaro was honored by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for conducting the recording of the Emmy Award winning score for the Los Angeles Marathon.

In addition to his symphonic conducting career, Dr. Tomaro is an accomplished composer and guitarist for film, theater, jazz ensemble, ballet and modern dance, performing in original Broadway musical productions such as "The Lion King", "Barnum", "Les Misérables", "Dancin'", "Evita", "Tommy" and "I Love My Wife". Tomaro penned the campaign theme song, "It's Our Time Now" in support of then-Senator, now-President Barack Obama.

A student of legendary Jazz Guitarist and teacher Jack Cecchini, Dr. Tomaro has performed in concert with such jazz luminaries as Bill Evans, Charles Mingus And Stephane Grapelli.

A well-respected journalist, Dr. Tomaro's articles have been published worldwide. The first-hand experience he brings to the Cashbox team in the capacity of editor for the new Classical division is unparalleled.

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We at Cashbox Canada hope to bring to the global platform a look at our musical landscape from the legends and greats of the past to the unusual and controversial groundbreakers of the present, some of whom you may know and those that we are exposing to you for the first time. We will bring for your viewing weekly charts spanning from pop to urban and for the audio senses links and radio files for you to enjoy at your leisure.

Our group of seasoned writers will touch on daily news items and offer stories from pioneers of our industry to behind the scene stories of those hard at work to bring the elusive dream of writers and musicians to the main stage.

We look forward to your opinions and ideas through Twitter and blogs so as we can answer your questions and absorb your input to make our site yours as well. We hope you will enjoy visiting us as much as we do opening the door to the World of Canadian Music.

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